

**MICROENTERPRISE INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4179, to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. Testimony was heard from Senator Kennedy; Representatives Rush and DeGette; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Michael Barr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Community Development Policy; and Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; John Gray, Associate Deputy Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 3658 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Rights Settlement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from David J. Hayes, Counsel to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Skelton.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Serrano.

**OVERSIGHT—GAO REPORT—NATIONAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT REFORM**

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on the GAO Report on Department of Energy National Laboratory Management Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Energy: Ernest Moniz, Under Secretary; and John P. McTague, Vice-Chairman, Laboratory Operations Board; Victor

S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Natural Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Charles V. Shank, Director, Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

**SBA SECONDARY MARKET**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with respect to the SBA Secondary Market in Guaranteed Portion of 7(a) Loans. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO; Jane Butler, Acting Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D918)

H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Signed September 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-236)

H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Signed September 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-237)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings to examine readiness challenges confronting the United States Army and Marine Forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold open and closed hearings on the report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold oversight hearings to examine recent Midwest electricity price spikes, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department

of Health and Human Services, and David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, 9:30 a.m., SD-324.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to hold closed followed by open hearings to examine United States Capitol securities issues; and to resume markup of S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business*, to hold hearings to examine how small businesses can compete with campus bookstores, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*, to hold hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 2 p.m., SR-485.

### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1790 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Federal Housing Finance Board, 11:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3888, Consumer Anti-Slamming and Spamming Prevention Act; H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act; H.R. 563, to establish a toll-free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 4353, International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998; H.R. 4321, Financial Information Privacy Act of 1998; H.R. 3610, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; S. 439, to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, to provide an exemption for portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Mexico; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power

Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to continue hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part IV: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association, 2:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHB Premium Increases for 1999, 11 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to consider the following draft oversight reports: "Fixing the Consumer Price Index: The Bureau of Labor Statistics Needs to Develop a Long Range, Systematic Approach to CPI Improvements"; "Early Head Start: Linking Early Childhood Programs to Success"; "Hepatitis C: Silent Epidemic, Mute Public Health Response"; and "Medicare Home Health Services: No Surety in the Fight Against Fraud and Waste", 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Postal Service, to mark up H.R. 22, Postal Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea, 2:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on The Future of the Western Sahara Referendum, 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 1999 Defense health program, 3:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Grand Canyon National Park, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act; H.R. 4579, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998; and H.R. 4578, The Save Social Security Act, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Y2K: What Every Consumer Should Know, 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Programs of the U.S. Maritime Administration, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to mark up the following: GSA Fiscal Year 1999 Leasing Program, Courthouse Construction Projects; and other pending resolutions, 9:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on 2000 (Y2K) biomedical device issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.